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## Expansion of the Weslaco Water Treatment Plant (WTP) & Distribution System



**Q: How much water can the Weslaco WTP currently provide to our community?**

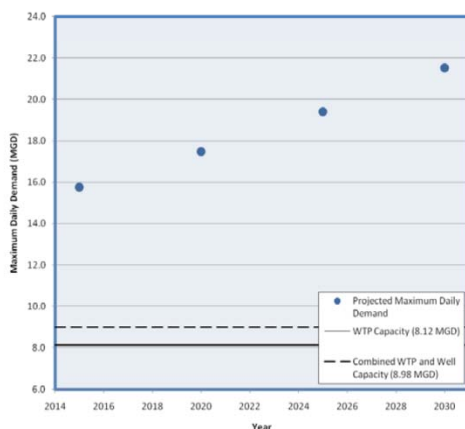
**A:** A little more than 8 million gallons per day. This is enough water for approximately 35,000 people.

**Q: When was the last time we expanded our WTP?**

**A:** More than 20 years ago - since then our population has increased by 63%. The demand for water has increased as the population has increased.

**Q: Why should we expand our WTP now?**

**A:** 1) Population and Demand Increases. Current Population of City is 35,000. Our current water demands exceed the current capacity of our WTP. We have been exceeding our current WTP capacity for more than 2 years.



2) Regulatory Requirements. The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) requires us to expand the WTP



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**Q: How much should we expand the WTP?**

**A:** The expansion should be 10 million gallons per day to a new capacity of 18 million gallons per day. It makes the best economic sense to expand to meet water demands to the year 2020.

**Q: What other improvements are needed as part of this project?**

**A:** Once we expand the WTP we need to make sure we can get the water to where it is needed in the City. This project also includes 2 miles of water pipelines and a new 1.0 million gallon elevated storage tank. These improvements will ensure higher water pressures.

**Q: How much will all of these improvements cost?**

**A:** No more than \$41.8 million

**Q: How will this impact my water bill?**

**A:** We are finalizing these numbers and will have them soon.

**Q: What can be done to save money?**

**A:** You can conserve water! Majority of water is used for watering lawns. You can water your lawn less, and install low flow toilets. The less water you use the lower your water bill!

